

REQUIREMENTS FOR IRRIGATION HISTORY AND PRODUCER SELF-CERTIFICATION OF IRRIGATION HISTORY

ENVIROMENTAL QUALITY INCENTIVES PROGRAM (EQIP) FY-2009

In Tennessee, most producers can use the self-certification worksheet to document irrigation history. Program applicants must agree to supply NRCS with access to all records that support an irrigation history certification. The attached worksheet is to be used for documenting irrigation history. In other cases, it may be necessary to use the following data sources to substantiate an irrigation history:

- Aerial photo coverage showing evidence of irrigation history on the property.
- Official copies of Farm Service Agency records such as aerial compliance slides, the Farm Acreage Report, Production History Report, and Risk Management Insurance.
- Well, consumptive use, or pumping plant permits issued by a federally recognized Tribe or State or Federal agency.
- Presence of an operable irrigation system.
- Fuel bills or maintenance records documenting the use of an irrigation system.
- Irrigation water management plan documentation.
- Presence of farm equipment or documentation of custom farming to support cropping on irrigated land.

There are cases where an operator may not be able to irrigate for reasons beyond his/her control. The following documentation may be used to support situations where land should be “considered irrigated”:

- Producer’s signed explanation of “circumstances beyond his/her control.”
- Drought data from the County and/or State Food and Agriculture Council, disaster declaration from the Governor and/or President.
- Water availability notices from water management districts, reservoir managers, river commissioners, and/or other recognized state or local agencies.
- Copies of court documents to support the fact the land and/or water rights are in litigation.
- Irrigation water management plan documentation.

PRODUCER SELF-CERTIFICATION OF IRRIGATION HISTORY

Operator/Farm Name _____

County _____ Water Source _____

FSA Farm and Tract Number(s) _____

I certify the irrigation history listed below. I am attaching a map that shows the location of the irrigated land. The following checked items provide additional documentation to support my claim:

- ☐ Irrigation canal records and/or other water supply documentation (Example)
- ☐ Presence of farm equipment or documentation of custom farming to support cropping on irrigated land (Example)

Tract No.	Field No.	Current Method of Irrigation	Total Acres in Field	Acres/ Crop Irrigated in 20__	Acres/ Crop Irrigated in 20__	Acres/ Crop Irrigated in 20__	Acres/ Crop Irrigated in 20__	Acres/ Crop Irrigated in 20__

I understand that it is my responsibility to provide NRCS with all records necessary to verify this irrigation history. I also understand that it is my responsibility to provide accurate and complete information and that providing false information may subject me to criminal and/or civil penalties. I understand that NRCS has the final decision regarding irrigation history requirements.

NOTE: If I am awarded an EQIP contract, my signature indicates that I agree to use the installed system only on the acres listed and approved in my EQIP contract for the NRCS-designated life of the installed practice. Information on the lifespan of a practice can be obtained from NRCS personnel and will be listed on the CCC-1245. My signature below indicates that I have read and understand, or had explained to me, all requirements referenced within this document.

Producer Signature

Date

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